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1. SUMMARY. PM MIKI AND FONMIN MIYAZAWA BOTH TOOK CAUTIOUS
LINE IN PRESS CONFERENCE ON NPT RATIFICATION, SAYING THAT
LDP CONSENSUS MUST BE REACHED FIRST. FONOFF ASSURES US
THAT DESPITE GREATER CAUTION AND POSSIBLE DELAY, NEW CABINET
HOLDS TO BOTH SUBSTANCE AND PROCEDURAL APPROACH ON NPT
OF TANAKA CABINET. CABINET CHANGE, HOWEVER, SEEMS LIKELY
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TO INHIBIT EARLY RATIFICATION. END SUMMARY.

2. IN INITIAL PRESS CONFERENCES BOTH PM MIKI AND FONMIN MIYAZAWA GAVE GUARDED RESPONSES TO QUESTION OF NPT RATIFICATION. SAYING THAT HE HAD ALREADY INSTRUCTED LDP SECY GENERAL NAKASONE TO STUDY ISSUE, MIKI TOLD PRESS HE WOULD CONSULT WITH BOTH "HAWKS" AND "DOVES" IN LDP ON ADVISABILITY OF RATIFYING NPT. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, HE ADDED THAT JAPANESE PEOPLE ARE WORRIED THAT JAPAN WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO STIFFER INSPECTION SYSTEM BY IAEA AND THEREBY PUT IN DISADVANTAGEOUS POSITION IN REGARD TO PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY. MIYAZAWA ADOPTED SIMILARLY CAUTIOUS SIMILARLY CAUTIOUS APPROACH, SPEAKING OF NECESSITY FOR DEVELOPING CONSENSUS IN LDP BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH RATIFICATION. HE TOLD PRESS EURATOM-IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WOULD HELP ALLEVIATE THIS CONCERN.

3. FONOFF DIRECTOR DISARMAMENT DIVISION NOMURA ASSESSED PROSPECTS FOR EMBOFF DECEMBER 13 IN SLIGHTLY MORE POSITIVE FASHION BUT SUGGESTED THAT RATIFICATION WOULD PROBABLY BE SOMEWHAT DELAYED BY CABINET CHANGE. HE SAID BASIC POLICY OF PROCEEDING TO EARLY RATIFICATION AFTER NEGOTIATING IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT AND ACHIEVING LDP CONSENSUS WAS UNCHANGED BY ADVENT OF NEW CABINET. NEVERTHELESS, NOMURA NOTED THAT MIKI WAS FOREIGN MINISTER WHEN JAPAN PREPARED TO SIGN NPT AND MIKI WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR FORMULATION OF CONDITIONS JAPAN SOUGHT TO HAVE MET BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH RATIFICATION: A) PROGRESS ON GENERAL DISARMAMENT. B) EQUAL ACCESS TO PEACEFUL TECHNOLOGY BY ALL STATES. C) PROTECTION OF INDUSTRIAL SECRETS DESPITE SAFEGUARDS INSPECTION SYSTEM. NOMURA WAS UNAWARE OF MIKI'S HAVING COMMENTED ON NPT IN RECENT YEARS. AS FOR FONMIN MIYAZAWA, NOMURA SAID NEW FONMIN DID NOT DISAGREE WITH BASIC POLICY OF PROCEEDING WITH RATIFICATION AFTER SAFEGUARDS ARE NEGOTIATED AND LDP CONSENSUS OBTAINED. MIYAZAWA, HOWEVER, WOULD WANT TO DELIBERATE EXTENSIVELY AND MOVE CAUTIOUSLY. AS FOR OTHER PRINCIPAL ACTORS IN RATIFICATION PICTURE, NOMURA SAID SECY GENERAL NAKASONE HELD NO FIXED VIEWS. LDP EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN NADAO AND POLICY BOARD CHAIRMAN MATSUNO ARE "HAWKS" BUT HAVE NOT PUBLICLY OPPOSED RATIFICATION. ON OTHER HAND SCIENCE CONFIDENTIAL

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TECHNOLOGY (STA) MINISTER SASAKI WOULD BE GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN REGARD TO NPT OVER HIS PREDECESSOR, ONCE REMOVED, MORIYAMA.

4. NOMURA SAID WEEKLY DISCUSSIONS WITH STA WERE PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY BUT HE COULD NOT PREDICT WHEN TALKS MIGHT BE CONCLUDED. THEORETICALLY, AT LEAST, INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL TALKS COULD BE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AND AGREEMENT WITH IAEA QUICKLY NEGOTIATED PRIOR TO FEBRUARY IAEA BOARD

MEETING. HE COULD NOT SAY THIS WAS PROBABLE, HOWEVER.
HE ADDED THAT HIS OFFICE WOULD BE BUSY PREPARING FOR DIET
INTERPELLATIONS ON RATIFICATION.

5. OTHER KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS ARE PERHAPS MORE
PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES FOR RATIFICATION IN NEXT
SESSION. AMBASSADOR OGISO GOJ DEP PERMREP UN AND NPT/IAEA
EXPERT, AND DIRECTOR NUCLEAR MATERIALS CONTROL CENTER YOSHIO
KAWASHIMA TOLD EMBOFFS THAT NEW GOJ WOULD BE PREOCCUPIED WITH
LDP REFORM AND ECONOMIC SITUATION AND WOULD HAVE NEITHER TIME
NOR WILL TO UNDERTAKE CONTROVERSIAL NPT RATIFICATION. THEY
ALSO NOTED THAT KEY LDP COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN WANT TO PROCEED WITH
RATIFICATION OLY AFTER EXTENSIVE (AND LENGTHY) DELIBERATION.
ASSESSMENT AMONG PRESS CONTACTS IS SIMILAR.

6. COMMENT: WE CONCUR IN JUDGMENT THAT
RATIFICATION PROCESS WILL AT LEAST BE DELAYED BY
CABINET CHANGE. LOSS OF TANAKA-STYLE DECISIVE LEADERSHIP
TO OVERCOME PARTY OPPOSITION, MIKI'S WEAK POSITION AND
POSSIBLE INDECISIVENESS ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES, PREOCCUPATION
WITH MAJOR PROBLEMS OF LDP REFORM AND ECONOMIC WOES ALL LESSEN
LIKELIHOOD THAT GOJ WILL MOVE TO QUICK RATIFICATION.
THUS, JAPAN'S RATIFICATION OF NPT SHOULD REMAIN ON
AGENDA OF HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGES BETWEEN USG AND GOJ.
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